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First mention of doctors "plot" PRAVDA since story first broke occurs in lead editorial January 18 entitled "put an end to gullibility (ROTOXEISTVO) in our ranks". Article reads on with reference to new party statutes re safeguarding state and party secrets, political vigilance, etc. Mention of plot, which is only incidental to harangue in standard Soviet phraseology against "gullibility", "complacency", and "carelessness", reads as follows: "It has been established that all participants in terrorist group of doctor-wreckers were in service foreign espionage. Majority participants this group was recruited by branch American espionage-international Jewish bourgeois-organization "jointly". Other participants in terrorist group are old agents English "espionage".

Article also cites two examples those deficiencies it attacks:

1. Reviewer (Referent) in ministry non-ferrous metallurgy was entrusted with secret documents for long time despite fact he had been excluded from party for serious offences and was caught only after disappearance one important document;
2. B. Suleimenov of Institute History Archeology and Ethenography of Academy Sciences Kazakh USSR carried on "active nationalist work" on pretense of attacking boureois nationalists.

Editorial concludes that all will be well when "we" have put an end to "this illness", i.e., "gullibility carelessness and complacency in our ranks".

Seems likely article intended to keep issue alive until further important revelations ready and to show by concrete example what type of offenders may be considered legitimate game in present witch-hunt.

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